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The written consent of the assignee owning an undivided interest in the original patent is enclosed for this reissue application.

The assignee owing an undivided interest in said original patent is Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha, as a result of an assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at reel 8647, frame 0509, and the assignee hereby consents to the reissue application for said original patent filed on July 12, 2001.

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